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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO DRAFT A
DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS,
JANUARY 26-30

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1. BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT U. S. VIEWS
WERE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN
EC EXPERTS MEETING HERE ON JANUARY 9. GOL CHAIRMAN OF THE
MEETING WAS BRIEFED ON THE BASIS OF REFTEL (A), AS WERE MFA
OFFICIALS IN OTHER EIGHT CAPITALS. MOREOVER, PARTICIPANTS
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WERE EXPERTS ON UN AFFAIRS AND PRESUMABLY WELL AWARE OF

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE OF U. S. DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE
IN DECADE EVENTS IN GENERAL AND UNESCO MEETING IN
PARTICULAR.

2. CONVERSATIONS WITH GOL OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT MOST MEMBERS OF EC EXPERTS GROUP SHOWED STRONG PREDISPOSITION TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. THEY CLAIM TO BE COMMITTED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN ACTIVITIES OF UN AND UN AGENCIES; THEY WANT TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO REAL FORMS OF RACISM; THEY HOPE SOME FORMULA CAN BE FOUND TO NEUTRALIZE RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE SO THAT IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT SOURCE OF CONFRONTATION IN UN DELIBERATIONS. THEY BELIEVE THAT WORKING THROUGH M'BOW AND OTHER MODERATES THERE IS A CHANCE OF AT LEAST LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCH A FORMULA AT THE UNESCO MEETING, OR OF AVOIDING THE ISSUE ALTOGETHER; THEY BELIEVE THAT ACTIVELY COMBATTING RACISM/ZIONISM FORMULA, SHOULD IT BE UNAVOIDABLE, AND WALKING OUT OF JANUARY 26-30 MEETING IF IT IS INCORPORATED IN DRAFT, WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF UNDERSCORING THEIR OPPOSITION THAN NONATTENDANCE. ACCORDING TO GOL SOURCES, THESE VIEWS ARE SHARED BY MOST EC GOVERNMENTS AND JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE VERY RECEPTIVE TO EXPERT GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. RATHER THAN FAILURE OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT TACTICAL DIFFERENCES, AND TO SOME EXTENT POLICY DIFFERENCES, SEPARATE U. S. AND NINE. IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES ON FURTHER APPROACHES ON THIS ISSUE, IT SEEMS ADVISABLE FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT THAT WE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THESE DIFFERENCES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE SHOULD PROVIDE CONCRETE ARGUMENTS ON THE ADVANTAGE OF BOYCOTT AS OPPOSED TO EC TACTICS MENTIONED ABOVE. BEFORE MAKING ANOTHER PITCH, BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO APPROACH PIERRE WOURTH, WHO WILL CHAIR JANUARY 19 MEETING, AND ASK HIM AS PART OF EC PRESIDENCY/U. S. DIALOGUE FOR NINE'S CURRENT READING ON THEIR APPROACH TO M'BOW AND FRANK APPRAISAL OF M'BOW'S ABILITY TO DELIVER. PHILLIPS
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